

Steps for Consultant Foresters or Wildlife Biologists when Writing Forest Stewardship Plans

1. Check to see if parcel(s) is a Forest Stewardship Priority Parcel and has at least 50 forested acres.
 - a. Landowners are eligible for reimbursement for Forest Stewardship plan development when they have at least 50 forested acres and their parcels are also considered a [Forest Stewardship Priority Parcel](#) (The sum of parcels with >50% FSP priority pixels).
 - i. Reimbursement Rates:
 1. 50- 100 Forested acres = \$600/ FSP plan
 2. Over 100 forested acres: Base Funding (\$600) + \$4/forested acre over 100 forested acres up to a max of \$2,000.
2. The Consulting Forester must be on the [SC Forestry Commission's Consulting Forester List](#).
3. If the lead author is a Wildlife Biologist, it must be co-authored with an above Consulting Forester.
4. **Note: If your parcel(s) doesn't qualify for plan reimbursement, but is at least 10 acres, you can still have a Forest Stewardship plan written by a SC Forestry Commission forester at no charge.**
5. Have Landowner fill-out, sign, and submit [Forest Stewardship Application](#) to the appropriate SCFC Regional Forest Stewardship Forester.
 - a. If seeking Forest Stewardship Plan Reimbursement, include the following:
 - i. IRS' W-9 filled out
 - ii. [Parcel Stewardship Report\(s\) from FSP Parcel Viewer](#)
6. Wait until Applicant receives funding approval before plan development.
7. Applicants have 6 months to complete the plan after funding approval.
8. Review [Forest Stewardship Plan Criteria and Templates](#), one-year free membership to SC Tree Farm, Program Monitoring and Forest Stewardship Recognition.
9. Once plan is finished, send to the appropriate [Regional Stewardship Forester](#) for approval.
10. For reimbursement once the plan is complete and approved, turn receipts into the same regional Stewardship Forester.